

5174. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. Old Dutch Market, Inc.
Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7525. I. S. No. 4702-1.)

On November 8, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against the Old Dutch Market (Inc.), a corporation, doing business at Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant company, on February 29, 1916, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Liquor (per cent)-----	24
Oysters (per cent)-----	76
Analysis of meat:	
Solids (per cent)-----	13.6
Mineral matter (per cent)-----	0.82
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.01
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	53
Analysis of liquor:	
Solids (per cent)-----	3.68
Mineral matter (per cent)-----	0.47
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.32

Results of analysis show that a substantial amount of water has been mixed with the oysters.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters which the said article purported to be.

On November 8, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*